

AGENDA ITEM # 8

August 25, 2005

To: Delta Protection Commission
From: Linda Fiack, Executive Director
Subject: Executive Director's Report

8a. Administration

Agenda process streamlined for benefit of fiscal/staff resources.

- E-mail distribution (hard copy upon request).
- Legislation and projects/comments listings refined to "updates" only (complete listing available on web).
- Regular meeting schedule resumed (next meeting September 22, 2005).

Staff Resources:

- Environmental Specialist on six-month maternity leave (effective August 24, 2005). Temporary filling of position being pursued.
- Pursuing upgrade of Executive Director position.
- Delegation of Authority to Executive Director under review.
- Voice mail system activated for public/staff (response) convenience.

Budget:

- Postage/printing costs (\$8,000 allocated) should decrease from streamlined agenda process.
- State vehicle assignment to Executive Director (in lieu of \$7,000 in-state travel allotment) being pursued.
- Salary savings may result from leave of Environmental Specialist.
- Discussions underway for submittal of "Survival" BCP (anticipated transition).

Commission Committees

- Reviewing for effectiveness.

8b. Legislation (see attached legislation update listing)

8c. Projects/Correspondence (see also attached projects update listing)

- (1) Support for funding the Corps Dredging LTMS process needed for progress in developing streamline permit processing and encouraging re-use. Contra Costa County preparing sample letter.

- (2) Clarification needed of how funding is allocated under the CALFED Bay Program and how projects are being prioritized.
- (3) Coastal Clean-up Day sponsored by the Coastal Commission is September 17, 2005. Given the short timeframe, DPC has the opportunity to join existing effort this year. The tentative clean-up site for which the DPC would be a site sponsor is a Sacramento River fishing access near Clarksburg. The Recreation Citizens Advisory Committee will be requested to spearhead a "Delta" effort next year.
- (4) Success of the Delta Levees Workshop has lead to discussions of a science-based workshop to be facilitated by the Bay Delta Science Consortium.
- (5) Possible discussion of urban development/levee maintenance by the State Reclamation Board on September 16, 2005.